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SUBJECT: TWINAM MISSION TO PDRY: FOLLOW-UP TO ASSASSINATION
OF YAR PRESIDENT AL-GHASHMI

1. VIA SEPTTEL DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED FCO INFORM ADEN
GOVERNMENT THAT U.S. HAS DECIDED NOT TO SEND TWINAM MISSION
TO ADEN AT THIS TIME. WE ARE PERSUADED THAT IN LIGHT OF
CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN YAR, AND PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF YAR
AND SAUDI PERCEPTIONS OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, IT IS IMPORTANT
FOR TWINAM TO VISIT SANA NOT ONLY TO CONVEY OUR SUPPORT FOR
YAR BUT ALSO TO DEMONSTRATE THIS CONCERN TO SAUDIS.

2. TWINAM SHOULD THEREFORE PROCEED TO SANA ON FIRST AVAIL-
ABLE FLIGHT AFTER OPENING OF LOCAL AIRPORT.

3. FOR SANA: YOU SHOULD INFORM REPUBLICAN COUNCIL CHAIR-
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MAN AL-ARASHI THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIM RECEIVE AMBAS-
SADOR TWINAM AT HIS EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. YOU SHOULD
INDICATE THAT TWINAM WILL WISH TO HAVE FROM YAR LEADERS AT
FIRST HAND THEIR VIEW OF PROBLEMS THAT THEY FACE IN THE
WAKE OF AL-GHASHMI'S ASSASSINATION, AND THAT HE WILL BE
CARRYING WITH HIM PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER.

4. FOR JIDDA: YOU SHOULD INFORM SAG AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL
OF OUR DECISION TO SEND TWINAM TO SANA DESCRIBING YOUR
MISSION IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE.

5. FOR TWINAM: WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH DETAILED TALKING
POINTS FOR DISCUSSIONS IN SANA TOGETHER WITH PRESIDENTIAL
MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE AND SUPPORT VIA SEPTELS. VANCE

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